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OF SYSTEMATIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated December 9, 2008, relating to the subject patent application and respectfully requests entry of the following claim amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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